bers from various Parts of the above Colonies, who have expreſſed their Intentions of following them.

By a Gentleman juſt arrived from Philadelphia we learn, that but *thirteen* Members of the whole Congreſs, which originally conſiſted of above *fifty*, were to be found to carry on Buſineſs; that they had removed their Minutes and other Papers relative to their Proceedings, in four large Cheſts, towards the Back Country; and that the Quakers begin to ſpeak openly of their Attachment to the Britiſh Conſtitution, in which they are joined by other loyal Subjects of the Province in great Numbers.

One of the Delegates to the Congreſs from New-Jerſey, we hear has come in and claimed the Benefit of the laſt Proclamation.

Several other Perſons, who have been principal Agitators in the preſent Troubles, have alſo obtained their free Pardon, upon ſigning the Declaration required by the Proclamation, and are reſtored to their Eſtates and Properties.

The brave Col. Harcourt, of Burgoyne's Light-Horſe, took Lee, the Deſerter from the King's Service and late Rebel General, with a Party of leſs than 50 Men, in the Face of all his vigilant Retinue, without the Loſs of a ſingle Man. The Colonel, by ſeveral Circumſtances, found out his Quarters, rode up to the Houſe, and ſurrounded it. Lee, fearful of being put to the Sword, begged his Life, in a Manner which ſhews that, where juſt and loyal Principles are not, true Courage is never to be found. His Life was granted by the brave Commander, for further Conſideration. Lee was brought to Brunſwick, and is now confined under a ſtrong Guard at that Place.

The Chain of Poſts formed by the Britiſh Troops reach within 17 Miles of Philadelphia upon the Banks of the Delaware; and the firſt ſtrong Poſt will afford them a natural Bridge over it.

The Allens, and ſome other principal People of Philadelphia, have come in, and claimed the Protection of his Majeſty's Army.

Great Numbers in the Jerſeys have likewiſe come in, and taken the Oaths; and two whole Counties have laid down their Arms together, and ſubſcribed the Teſts required in the Commiſſioners Proclamation. Moſt of them expreſs the deepeſt ſorrow for their late Deluſion, and freely acknowledge, that when they loſt Britiſh Protection, they fell into real Slavery, and that the worſt of Slavery---the Slavery of deſigning Men.

Several Captures have been ſent in by the Men of War in the Courſe of the laſt Week.

We hear that the Colony of Connecticut have ſcarce raiſed a Recruit for the ſtanding Army voted by the Congreſs, and that the other Colonies are equally behind in raiſing their Quotas of Men and Money.

The Continental Currency is ſo ſunk in its Credit, that none of the Farmers will take it in Connecticut; and Neceſſaries are now only to be obtained by the Barter of Commodities.

NEWPORT, January 16, 1777.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

HENRY CLINTON, Eſquire,

Lieutenant General, commanding His Majeſty's Forces in the Colony of *Rhode-Iſland*, &c. &c. &c.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

WE the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of *Newport*, penetrated with a truly grateful Senſe of His Majeſty's paternal Affection and Tenderneſs for His unhappily deluded American Subjects, exhibited in the Proclamation of November laſt, made by the King's Commiſſioners for reſtoring Peace to His Colonies in America, humbly preſume to addreſs your Excellency, moſt heartily congratulating you, upon your Arrival amongſt us, ſincerely praying that your Endeavors for the Re-eſtabliſhment of Peace and good Government to this once flouriſhing, but now diſtreſſed Town may be crowned with Succeſs.

We have long beheld with the deepeſt Concern and Anxiety the baleful Influence of factious and deſigning Men through His Majeſty's American Colonies, who by their evil Counſels have effected an unnatural Separation from the Parent State, renounced their Allegiance to the beſt of Sovereigns, and upon the Ruins of an happy Conſtitution, eſtabliſhed a Syſtem, totally ſubverſive of every Idea of civil and religious Liberty.

The many Inſtances of Humanity and Benignity diſplayed by your Excellency ſince your Arrival, embolden us to look up and intreat that your Excellency would be pleaſed to interpoſe in our behalf and ſo uſe your Influence with the King's Commiſſioners, that through your Interceſſion this Town may once more enjoy the King's moſt gracious Protection, together with the Bleſſings reſulting from a conſtitutional Dependence upon upon the Supreme Authority of Great-Britain.

We beg leave to repreſent to your Excellency that we bear all loyal and dutiful Allegiance to His Majeſty KING GEORGE the Third, his ſacred Perſon, Crown and Dignity, and humbly pray to be declared at His Peace, and obedient to the Supremacy of Great-Britain, being convinced "that to "be a Subject of the Britiſh Empire, with "all it's Conſequences, is to be the freeſt "Member of any civil Society in the known "World."

The Above ADDRESS was ſigned by 444 of the principal Inhabitants of this Town.

To which his EXCELLENCY *was pleaſed to return the following* ANSWER.

IT gives me ſingular Pleaſure to receive this public Teſtimony of your Loyalty to the *King*, and Attachment to the *Britiſh Conſtitution*.

Wiſhing to promote the Proſperity of the Town of *Newport*, I ſhall not fail to ſignify to the *King's Commiſſioners* your Requeſt.

I return you Thanks for the good Opinion you are pleaſed to entertain of me, and can aſſure you, I ſhall be happy in being inſtrumental to reſtore Peace and good Order to this Colony.

A LIST of PRIZES taken by his Majeſty's Ships, under the Command of Commodore Sir *Peter Parker*, at Rhode-Iſland:

The POLLY Brig, Robert Nelſon, Maſter, from North-Carolina to Liſbon, laden with Staves and Bees Wax; taken by the Experiment, Dec. 7, 1776, the whole Fleet in Sight. She was going from Newport to Providence.

The SUCCESS Schooner, Giles Price, Maſter, from Charles-Town, South Carolina, bound to Providence, with Rice, Indigo and Leather; taken by the Cerberus, off Block-Iſland. Dec. 29, 1776.

The BETTY Brig, retaken, I. Brice, Maſter, from Jamaica to Londonderry, laden with Rum; taken by the Cerberus, off Block-Iſland, Dec. 29, 1776,

The LIBERTY Brig, Solomon Phipps, Maſter. from New London to the Weſt-Indies, laden with Horſes, Flour and Lumber; taken by the Cerberus, off Block-Iſland, Dec. 30, 1776.

The BETTY, a retaken Tranſport, James Sutton, Maſter, one of the Ships which went for Coals to Louisbourg; taken in coming into Rhode Iſland.

The DUNTREATH Ship, retaken, James Creighton, Maſter, from St, Auguſtine to Grenada, with Timber; taken by the Brune, Jan. 6, 1777.

The LUCRETIA Sloop, Jacob Saley, from Bordeaux to any Port of America, with Sulphur, Nitre, Pins and Needles.

Laſt Monday Morning, his Excellency General CLINTON embarked on board his Majeſty's Ship Aſia, for England. His Excellency, in going aboard, was ſaluted by a Diſcharge of Cannon. The Command, in his Excellency's Abſence, devolves upon the Right Honourable HUGH EARL PERCY.

A Flag of Truce arrived here laſt Sunday from Providence, with a Number of Perſons whom the Rebels have had Priſoners, to be exchanged. By One who arrived, we are informed, that the Rebels were removing a Number of Whale-Boats over Land; and that all their Talk was of their Intention to attack this Iſland!---Probably, by the Arrival of the next Account, we ſhall hear of their Intention to attack the Moon.

By two Gentlemen who arrived in this Town laſt Week, from the County of Worceſter, we are informed, that the Rebels continue uſing every Endeavour to conſtrain the Inhabitants to take up Arms; that forty or fifty were confined in Worceſter Goal, for refuſing; that many of the Inhabitants were tired with their Oppreſſion; that Diviſions greatly increaſed; and that the Conduct of the Leaders of the Faction was like a Set of diſappointed Men, driven to the laſt Extremity.

Hopkins continues ſafe blocked up; and it is apprehended, he may venture to moor for the Winter.

By a Schooner which arrived here on Tueſday Evening from New York we are informed, that the 17th Regiment had been ſurrounded by a Party of four or five thouſand of the Rebels; that they cut their way through them, leaving three hundred dead upon the ſpot, among whom was a Rebel General, by the Name of Mercer.

There is a Boſton Paper in Town, in which they confeſs, that their Affairs begin to wear a melancholy Aſpect.

THE Favours which the Subſcriber has received from the Gentlemen of the Army and Navy, in Boſton and elſewhere, joined with the Importunities of many of the Inhabitants of this Town, has induced him, as ſpeedily as poſſible, to gratify them with a News-Paper. He can only ſay, that his beſt Endeavours ſhall not be wanting to render it as entertaining as poſſible: And he has nothing to wiſh for, but the Exerciſe of that Candour he has ſo often before been indebted to. Its Size is at preſent contracted, owing to the Impoſſibility of procuring larger printing Paper; but if more Intelligence ſhould at any Time arrive, than this can contain, the Deficiency will be ſupplied with a Supplement. No Subſcriptions are received; but if any Gentlemen chuſe to have the Paper weekly, the Boy ſhall leave it at their Houſes. Articles of Intelligence will be thankfully received, and every other Favour gratefully acknowledged, by their

Obedient humble Servant,

JOHN HOWE.

TO be SOLD, by JOHN HOWE, at the Printing-Office, in Thames-ſtreet; the following Articles of STATIONARY:-----Demy, poſt, foolſcap, pot, and letter-paper, gilt and plain, ſealing-wax, wafers, quills, ink-powder, tape, and ſeveral other Articles not enumerated. Likewiſe men's, women's and children's SHOES,